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FOR WHITE HOUSE - PHIL WISE AND ADVANCE OFFICE

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SUBJECT SIGNING CEREMONY FOR PANAMA CANAL TREATIES
REF CRIMMINS-ZIMMERMANN TELECON AUGUST 29

1. FOLLOWING IS INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF TEXT OF LETTER FROM
PRESIDENT GEISEL TO PRESIDENT CARTER DATED AUGUST 29, 1977:

BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I HAVE JUST RECEIVED YOUR LETTER IN WHICH YOU
INVITE ME TO BE PRESENT AT THE SIGNING OF THE TREATIES WHICH THE
NORTH AMERICAN GOVERNMENT HAS CONCLUDED WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF
PANAMA CONCERNING THE PANAMA CANAL. I BELIEVE THAT IT CROSSED WITH
THE (LETTER) I SENT TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE OAS, IN
REPLY TO THE INVITATION THAT HE EXTENDED TO ME FOR THE SAME PURPOSE,
IN YOUR NAME AND IN THAT OF GENERAL OMAR TORRIJOS HERRERA.
ALTHOUGH I AM NOT YET KNOWLEDGEABLE CONCERNING THE TERMS OF
THE ACTS THAT WILL BE SIGNED, I AM CERTAIN THAT THEY CONSTITUTE
AN EXTREMELY POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT, BOTH WITHIN THE BILATERAL CONTEXT
OF AMERICAN-PANAMANIAN RELATIONS AS WELL AS WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF
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CONTINENTAL RELATIONS. THEY REPRESENT, AS YOU POINT
OUT, THE CONFIRMATION ONCE AGAIN OF THE PRIORITY THAT THE NATIONS
OF THE HEMISPHERE GIVE TO FORMS OF UNDERSTANDING BASED ON FRIENDSHIP
AND MUTUAL RESPECT. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN FOR ME, THEN, A PLEASURE TO
ACCEPT YOUR INVITATION, ALL THE MORE IN THAT IT WOULD HAVE PROVIDED
THE OPPORTUNITY, TO WHICH YOU YOURSELF REFER, FOR US TO BE ABLE
TO EXCHANGE IDEAS ON MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST TO OUR GOVERNMENTS.

IT HAPPENS, HOWEVER, THE THE 7TH OF SEPTEMBER IS THE NATIONAL DAY OF BRAZIL WHICH, AS IS NATURAL, PRECLUDES THE POSSIBILITY OF MY ABSENCE FROM THE COUNTRY. REGRETTING THAT CIRCUMSTANCE, I HAVE THUS ASKED THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC, ADALBERTO PEREIRA DOS SANTOS, TO PREPARE ME ON THAT SOLEMN OCCASION. THE VICE PRESIDENT WILL TELL YOU PERSONALLY OF THE DESIRE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF BRAZIL AND MY OWN DESIRE TO MAINTAIN THE MOST CORDIAL RELATIONS WITH THE NORTH AMERICAN GOVERNMENT FOLLOWING THE LONG TRADITION THAT MAKES OFFICIAL RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES A REFLECTION OF THE RESPECT AND ESTEEM THAT RECIPROCALLY BRING TOGETHER OUR TWO PEOPLE. WITH MY RESPECTS TO MRS. CARTER, I AM, VERY SINCE-ERELY, ERNESTO GEISEL. END TEXT.

2. IN SENDING EMBASSY COPY OF ABOVE LETTER, FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA COMMUNICATED HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT MRS. CARTER HAD BEEN TRYING TO CONTACT MRS. GEISEL WHO HAS BEEN OUT OF THE CITY. SILVEIRA ADDED THAT MRS. GEISEL WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO GO TO WASHINGTON BECAUSE (A) SHE WILL HAVE TO STAY WITH HER HUSBAND FOR THE NATIONAL DAY CEREMONIES, AND (B) BOTH OF HER PARENTS ARE VERY ILL. CRIMMINS

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